

# **Parish Announcements – Sunday, August 3, 2025**

Announcement requests (due by Monday at noon) may be sent via email to [info@stnicholasar.org](mailto:info@stnicholasar.org) (NEW EMAIL)

<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
Sunday, August 3	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Monthly Parish Potluck
Tuesday, August 5	5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Blessing of First-fruits & Dinner Outing
Thursday, August 7	6:00p Paraklesis followed by Parish Council Mtg
Friday, August 8	9:30a Bible Study
Saturday, August 9	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, August 10	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Back-to-School Blessing & Fellowship

## **Welcome to our Guests**

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests will be offered holy bread (as a sign of hospitality) in their pew or seat. At the Dismissal, please join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (held by the Priest) and receive additional holy bread at the end of the Liturgy. After service, please join us for food and drink during Fellowship so that we can meet and greet you! Please contact Fr. Paul Fuller (479-379-6220 or [pastor@stnicholas.org](mailto:pastor@stnicholas.org)) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

## **Dormition Fast & Paraklesis Service**

During the first two weeks of August (1-14), we participate in a fasting season of preparation for the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. We offer a beautiful liturgical service during this period called Paraklesis, which means “supplication” as this service supplicates the Virgin Mary. **We will offer this service on Thursday, August 7 & Tuesday, August 12.**

## **Great Feast of the Transfiguration – Tuesday, August 5**

Join us on Monday, August 5 as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Transfiguration of our Lord with Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Blessing of Grapes and Dinner Outing. We will offer a blessing for our First-fruits after the Festal Liturgy. Please bring any fruit & vegetable baskets with you to be included.

## **Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – Thursday, August 14**

Join us on Wednesday, August 14 as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Dormition of the Theotokos with Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Dinner Outing.

## **Church School & Homeschool Co-op UPDATE**

It is almost a new school year! If you are interested in participating in homeschool co-op this year please contact Gina Waters ([gwaters034@gmail.com](mailto:gwaters034@gmail.com)). An informational/planning meeting will be set up soon to discuss plans for this year's program. Church School will be starting again September 7th if you are interested in teaching please contact Gina Waters ([gwaters034@gmail.com](mailto:gwaters034@gmail.com)).

## **Back-to-School Blessing (with backpacks) – Sunday, August 10**

We will offer a special blessing on Sunday, August 10 after Liturgy for all our students and teachers—bring your backpacks with you! May the LORD guide, guard, and protect you as you begin your studies anew!

### "Journey to Fullness" Video Series



This video series (16 videos approx. 17 minutes each) is recommended for all of our newcomers, inquirers, and catechumens. We hope this will be a valuable resource for you as you learn more about Orthodoxy Christianity. It is accessible through a private link to our parish's YouTube channel. To access the video series, please scan the QR code.

### Those Celebrating in August – God Grant You Many Years!

#### *Birthday*

Bryan Yurchak – Aug 6  
Elizabeth Carender – Aug 7  
Daniel Yurchak – Aug 8  
Nick Pangere – Aug 9  
Adnan Haydar – Aug 10  
Dorothy Bell – Aug 16  
Zachary Rhodes – Aug 16  
Diana Wilson – Aug 16

Kate Salem – Aug 20  
Katie Baclig – Aug 25  
SoonMee Townsley – Aug 25  
Michael Kravaris – Aug 28  
Peniel Rhodes – Aug 29  
Lindel Townsley – Aug 29  
Gina Waters – Aug 30

#### *Wedding Anniversary*

Kevin & Nancy Scherer – Aug 10  
David & Laura Evans – Aug 13  
Isaiah & Brea Hale – Aug 30

#### *Name's Day*

Olivia Rhodes (St. Nonna) – Aug 5  
Nina Lawrence (Theotokos) – Aug 15  
Lindel Townsley (St. John the Baptist) – Aug 29

Aidan Kolokithas (St. Aidan) – Aug 31  
Aidan Wilson (St. Aidan) – Aug 31

## Stewardship Summer UPDATE

**MANY THANKS for your financial contributions in 2025!** We greatly appreciate your continued support of your time, talents, and treasures. Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. We take this opportunity during the summer months to remind our faithful of the vital need for EVERYONE to participate in the financial support of our parish community!

### **2025 Goal – \$225,000 in stewardship giving & 65 forms returned!**

We have received **Stewardship** & Membership Forms from 57 households who have pledged a total amount of \$199,980 towards supporting our various ministries and operation of our parish community.

However, over 90 households call St. Nicholas Orthodox Church their church.

#### **Will you join us?**

	2023	2024	2025
Stewardship Amount Received January-June	\$85,945	\$99,240	\$99,960
Stewardship Forms Received	67	71	57
Pledged Amount	\$171,000	\$195,520	\$199,980



Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our growing parish community to support its various ministries and services! This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish.

Printed copies available in the Narthex OR access the online form by scanning the QR code. Also in 2025, for those willing and able please consider contributing towards our Capital Building Fund (suggested amount of \$100 monthly, but please contribute as able). This is in ADDITION to Stewardship.

*To discuss or learn more, please contact Elizabeth Carender (479-409-8017; [ecarender76@gmail.com](mailto:ecarender76@gmail.com)), Stewardship Ministry*